

**The Twelfth Meeting of the Second-term
Community Care Fund Task Force
16 May 2017**

Summary of Discussion

The Community Care Fund (CCF) Task Force under the second-term Commission on Poverty (CoP) held its twelfth meeting on 16 May 2017. A summary of the discussion is as follows:

1. Members noted the progress report of existing assistance programmes and the latest financial position of the CCF. Among others, Members noted the CCF's plan to expand the target beneficiaries of the Elderly dental assistance programme to cover Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 70 or above since early July of 2017.
2. Members supported the amendments to both the Provision of funding for ordinary schools to arrange special educational needs coordinators pilot scheme and the programme of Enhancing the academic expenses grant for students with special educational needs and financial needs pursuing post-secondary programmes to cover students with mental illness starting from the 2017/18 school year. The proposal would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.
3. Members supported the implementation of the following six new assistance programmes:
 - (a) Pilot scheme on subsidised cervical cancer screening and preventive education for eligible low-income women: The three-year pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$78.61 million (including an administration cost of \$3.74 million), was expected to benefit over 66 000 low-income women.
 - (b) Subsidy for persons holding non-local qualifications to conduct qualifications assessment programme: The three-year programme, with a total provision of \$8.67 million (including an administration cost of \$270,000), was expected to benefit about 3 000 people.
 - (c) Pilot scheme on providing special subsidy for persons with permanent stoma from low-income families for purchasing medical consumables: The three-year pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$50.64 million (including an administration cost of \$2.41 million), was expected to benefit about 1 500 people.
 - (d) Pilot scheme on relaxing the household income limit of the Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for low-income families and increasing fee-waiving subsidy places: The three-year pilot

scheme, with a total provision of \$52 million (including an administration cost of \$2 million), was expected to benefit about 3 000 people.

- (e) Pilot scheme on support for elderly persons discharged from public hospitals after treatment: The three-year pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$225.9 million (including an administration cost of \$10.76 million), was expected to benefit at least 3 200 elderly people.
- (f) Pilot scheme on home care and support for elderly persons with mild impairment: The three-year pilot scheme, with a total provision of \$383.34 million (including an administration cost of \$18.26 million), was expected to provide about 4 000 places.

The above proposals would be submitted to the CoP for consideration.